



Stonesfield Primary School
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NEWSLETTER: Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy couple of weeks in school with school trips for Rowan Class and a lovely Toy Museum event for Willow Class.

This week I wanted to discuss attendance again. It seems a long time since the summer and receiving the award for good attendance. Sickness really did take hold of the school in the Autumn Term, and it affected staff and children alike. Our attendance as a whole school is now at 92% which is low. Ofsted consider good attendance to be 96% and above which we were meeting and exceeding over the summer term. Please give me your support in raising our attendance and getting children in as much as is physically possible. I know, as a community, we can turn this round quickly and have a great Spring and Summer Term like we had last year, and I will be able to worry about something else.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Jarvis

Oak Class

We have been learning all sorts of skills at Forest School. We have been taking turns, helping each other, trying out new things, developing resilience and of course having great fun.



Willow Class

On Wednesday 24th January Willow class opened their Toy Museum to the public. They welcomed lots of their family members into the classroom and showed off their work from

last term. A big thank you to everyone who came. It was lovely to share our learning with you all.



Chestnut Class

Last term in DT, we designed and built our very own pavilion. First, we learnt about strength and stability of structures, then we found out about pavilions; what they are what their purpose is. Finally, we were ready to sketch, design and build our structures and add the minor details. The theme of our pavilion was capturing how humans and animals can live together harmoniously. Here are some examples of our wonderful designs.



Rowan Class

The last few weeks have been full of exciting opportunities for Rowan Class. We kick started our Rainforest topic with a trip to The Living Rainforest. This was an amazing introduction into the adaptations the plants and animals we saw have made to be able to survive in the rainforest environment. The children represented the school beautifully and Mrs Budan and Mrs Smith were delighted to take them. Also, a big thank you to our parent volunteers who made the trip possible.



Year 6's also participated in the Junior Citizen project at Rewley Road Fire Station and learnt key skills they would need in the face of an emergency. They learnt how to make a 999 call and how to make safe decisions when using different online platforms. They could all tell me how they would rescue someone if they got into trouble at the annual duck race. Year 5 also started their Ukelele lessons which they are all delighted about- these will continue throughout the spring term.

School Lunch Ordering for Term 4

The deadline for ordering school lunches for next term is **Thursday 1st February 2024**. We will not be taking paper lunch orders so please ensure you respond via Parent mail for your child's lunches for term 4 before the deadline date.

Forest School

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered in these chilly and/or wet first weeks of the year! Despite the weather, we've still managed to have heaps of fun and learning for children (and adults!), start work on the new "extension" and make porridge, toast and other goodies while keeping warm around the fire. It's been great to see new parents signing up for the first time as well as regular helpers coming - even without their own child being in the group.


Year 4 and the afterschool Maintenance Crew (year 5+6) have started creating a dead hedge around the north edge of the site, you can find out more about the value of deadwood and how to create [dead hedges here](#).

We have plenty of spare clothing, waterproofs, warm coats of all sizes, so if you or your child would like to borrow clothes to get mucky in at school, please ask. We are, however, getting low on warm socks, so if you have any spares for small feet, they would be appreciated.

[The Big Garden Birdwatch](#) is on this weekend - don't forget to see who's flapping about in your garden or a park near you!



Dates for your diary

Friday 9 th February	Last day of Term3	
Monday 5 th February	NSPCC Number Day	Please support by bring a £1.00
		
Monday 19 th February	First day of Term4	
Wednesday 6 th March	SEN Pupil Profile Evening	3.30pm to 5pm
Friday 8 th March	Dressing up for World Book Day	Your favourite book character
Wednesday 20 th March	Parent Evening	3.30pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday 20 th to Monday 25 th March	Scholastic Book Fair	3.30pm to 4pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Term4	

After School Clubs available to book

Day	Club	Dates	Year groups	Time	Cost
Monday	French Club – Please book direct. juliet.taylor2@btinternet.com	8 th January to 5 th February	4 to 6	3.15 - 3.45pm	£17.50
Thursday	Yoga Club Please book direct at Natalie.meylan001@gmail.com	11 th January to 8 th February	1 to 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	£25.00 (5-week course)

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

Rachel Fox has a limited number of places still available. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact her via email: rachelfox59@gmail.com or text her on 07811 763300.

Community News

Hedgehog Club

Don't forget to sign up for [The Hedgehog Club](#) during February half term. We'll be at Hailey Woods Wednesday-Friday for lots of forest fun.